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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples on the Hamburg auction, Thursday, February 20, were about the same as last week, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. F. A. Motz, the Department of Agriculture's fruit specialist in Europe. About 23,000 boxes of apples were sold as compared with 34,000 last week and 66,200 at this time a year ago. Prices paid for the best York and Winesap, in a lot of 560 barrels, averaged above those of last week. Boxed Winesap made about the same prices as last week but Rome and Newtown showed a little decline.

Price paid for American fruit at Hamburg

Variety, grade & origin	Price		
	1929	1930	
	Feb 21	Feb 13	Feb 20
APPLES BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperial, Va.	--	a/ 8.69	a/ 9.05-9.29
Winesap, Va.	b/ 7.15-8.81	7.62-9.41	a/ 8.93-9.05
BOXES			
Winesap, Washington:			
Extra Fancy 138/163 . .	3.10-3.39	2.86-3.10	2.74-3.10
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	--	2.50-2.86	2.62-2.86
Fancy 138/163	--	2.74	2.62-2.86
Fancy 188/smaller . . .	--	2.38-2.74	2.62-2.74
Rome Beauty, Washington:			
Fancy 138/163	c/ 3.10-3.39	3.33-3.57	3.10-3.33
Newtown, Oregon:			
Extra Fancy 138/163 . .	2.74-2.98	4.05-4.41	3.69-4.53
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	--	--	3.10-3.81
Fancy 138/163	--	3.81-3.93	3.69

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ Best lots. b/ U.S. No.1, 2¾ inch. c/ Extra Fancy 138/163.

The demand in Germany for American apples is improving as a result of the practical cleaning up of competitive Continental varieties, according to a cable from Agricultural Commissioner L.V. Steere at Berlin. The outlook for the remainder of the season is good for sound American fruit. Yellow varieties are in particular favor at Hamburg. Winesap prices have not shown the improvement to the same extent as other varieties, although their condition has been good. The market on Pearmain and Rome Beauty has been very firm. The supply of oranges will continue large through March but prices are somewhat firmer. The supply of Russian apples is declining. Arrivals of Australian apples are expected about the beginning of April. The Copenhagen demand for American apples has recently improved, following the oversupply in January, and the outlook for the remainder of the season is good, according to Mr. Steere.